

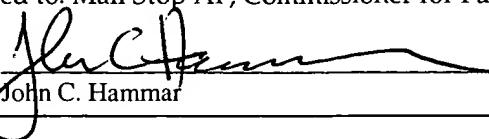


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Amendment After Final Rejection

Sir:

Applicant submits this AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION within the period of two months from the Final Rejection mailed November 19, 2003. Monday, January 19, 2004, was the national observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, so this paper is mailed on the next business day, Tuesday, January 20, 2004. If Applicant owes any fee (including any fees under §1.17 or all required extension of time fees), please charge that fee to Deposit Account 02-2960. Please treat this paper (and any future reply) as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time, in the event that an extension is required.